

IN THE
UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Inventor(s): Cary G. ADDINGTON et al.

Confirmation No.: 1496

Application No.: 10/817,134

Examiner: Heinrich, Samuel

Filing Date: 4/2/2004

Group Art Unit: 1725

Title: LASER MARKING



Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
PO Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

TRANSMITTAL LETTER FOR RESPONSE/AMENDMENT

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is/are the following in the above-identified application:

- (X) Response/Amendment () Petition to extend time to respond
() New fee as calculated below () Supplemental Declaration
(X) No additional fee
() Other: _____ (fee \$ _____)

CLAIMS AS AMENDED BY OTHER THAN A SMALL ENTITY						
(1) FOR	(2) CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT	(3) NUMBER EXTRA	(4) HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	(5) PRESENT EXTRA	(6) RATE	(7) ADDITIONAL FEES
TOTAL CLAIMS		MINUS		= 0	X \$18	\$ 0
INDEP. CLAIMS		MINUS		= 0	X \$88	\$ 0
[] FIRST PRESENTATION OF A MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM					+ \$300	\$ 0
EXTENSION FEE	1ST MONTH \$110.00	2ND MONTH \$430.00	3RD MONTH \$980.00	4TH MONTH \$1530.00		\$ 0
OTHER FEES						\$
TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THIS AMENDMENT						\$ 0

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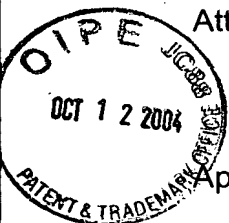
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Sir:

This reply is in response to the Office Action mailed on September 10, 2004 in which a restriction requirement was imposed upon Claims 1-47. In particular, the Office Action asserted that Claims 1-47 are drawn to four distinct inventions:

- I – Claims 1-24, drawn to methods for marking a polymeric surface;
- II – Claims 25-37, drawn to apparatus for marking articles;
- IIIA – Claim 38 drawn to an article comprising processor readable medium; and
- IIIB – Claims 39-47, drawn to polymeric laser marked articles.